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MISSOULA--

The Bureau of Government Research (BGR) at the University of Montana in Missoula has received an \$18,500 Title I grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to conduct three projects related to Montana's review of local government in 1975-76.

All incorporated cities, towns and counties have elected study commissions which will be involved in review of the present forms of local government and in evaluating alternatives during 1975 and early 1976.

Dr. Peter Koehn (pronounced Kern), an assistant professor of political science at UM, who is project director, said the BGR will sponsor a one-day symposium on local government at UM in Missoula in the fall of 1975. Copies of the symposium proceedings will be published and distributed to local government study commissions.

The BGR also will work closely with staff of / ^{Missoula} public high schools in the preparation of instructional materials on Montana local government. Finally, Koehn said that the project staff will study and publish reports on Montana's voter review experience as it unfolds over the next two years.

The program is partially funded by Community Service Programs, Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Dr. James J. Lopach (pronounced Lowpatch), a Great Falls native, will continue to serve as director of research and publications on the BGR's Montana Voter Review Project, a post he has held for the past two years.

Koehn is director of the Voter Review Project.